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Just a few of the interesting letters received.

1. Pa. My collection is 95% complete but I was very well pleased with the gift you sent with my mixture order. I shall give it a prominent place in my collection. H. J. S.
2. Houston. I think this gift is worth the price of the packet! H. E. E.
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6. Vt. I have to repeat that the mixture I bought from you was the best ever, and I am giving your name to the collectors I know. L. F. W.
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One Man's Opinion



PURCHASE OF STAMP ITEMS HEDGE AGAINST INFLATION

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However it is to be regretted that there have been so many people who, without any knowledge of stamps and stamp collecting, have plunged into the gathering of stamps as a matter of investment and have been sadly disillusioned.

People who wish to make such investments should either solicit the advice of experienced philatelists or keep hands off entirely. Even then, the finding of a collector who would be capable of giving sound advice on such a subject would be a very difficult matter and it is doubtless if the investor would follow the advice if given.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Already the Paper supply houses are warning against the possible difficulty of obtaining certain grades of paper.

Prices have been advanced two times in the past few months on certain grades of paper and further advances will be made later. The newspapers have already carried notices that the finely finished book papers will soon be coming with a yellowish tinge because of a shortage of certain bleaching compounds. Perhaps we may get to the point where we will see a distinct "war paper" in our postage stamps altho nothing that has yet come from abroad gives any indication of such a situation.

Stamp album pages and such material will doubtless be the first things we will find affected and price increases will doubtless be necessary in certain lines.

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LINN'S WEEKLY COVERS AMERICA

The change to larger type has been made and we hope that it will meet with the approval of all readers. That the subject was of interest to our readers was made clearly evident by the very large number of responses to our inquiry. Present count runs the total pretty close to 150 replies and that, we consider an exceptionally large number of responses for any sort of an inquiry.

Stamp dealers who have any knowledge at all as to what this result indicates will be further interested in a brief analysis of the replies. The list to date shows replies from 34 states including the Virgin Islands. The greatest number of replies came from New York State with 21; Ohio is

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466...04	E-2...01½	J-25...02½	Q-20...01½
469...01	E-3...01	J-26...02½	Q-22...01
470...01	*E-3...04	J-27...01	Q-23...02
473...04	E-6...01	J-29...01	Q-25...01
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HAIL PHILADELPHIA--- S. P. A. Convention City

By Jacob Bressler

PHILADELPHIA, famed in Colonial and Revolutionary annals, and one of America's great industrial centers, will greet members of the Society of Philatelic Americans, their families and friends at the 47th Annual Convention to be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel from Monday, August 25th to Sunday, August 31st, 1941. Founded in 1682 by William Penn, the city as planned by him had an area of two square miles; the present city has an area of over 129,000 square miles, with a population of almost 2,000,000. Besides being well known for its hospitality, Philadelphia attracts many who are interested in the early history of our country, as well as the most modern examples of science, art and letters.

Benjamin Franklin's Grave is in Christ Church burial ground, southeast corner of fifth and Arch Streets. It is marked with a flat stone with the simple inscription "Benjamin and Deborah Franklin", and is visible from the street through an iron fence. Many other notables are buried within the grounds, including Peyton Randolph, president of the First Continental Congress.

The Powel House was built by Samuel Powel, the last Colonial Mayor of Philadelphia, and the first after the Revolution. It was considered the most beautiful home of

its period in the city, and frequently had as its guests Washington, Lafayette and many other notables. It is now in the possession of the Phila. Society for the Preservation of Landmarks, by whom it is being restored.

Bartram's Garden, on the Schuylkill River, was the first botanic garden in the United States, and was begun in 1728 by John Bartram, described by Linnaeus as the greatest natural botanist in the world. The collections were enriched not only through his own extensive travels from Canada to Florida, but also through his numerous scientific correspondents. His reputation was such that he secured an appointment as Botanist to King George III prior to the Revolution. Little now remains of the original collection of trees and plants, but the house which the founder built with his own hands has been restored by the city, which purchased the grounds some years ago.

The Zoological Society of Philadelphia was incorporated in 1859, and is the first organization formed in this country for the purpose of maintaining a zoological garden. By its charter, it was authorized to occupy a portion of Fairmount Park. The maintenance of the Gardens is provided by the admission receipts, the dues of members and by an annual appropriation from the city. Its collection of animals, among the finest in the world, contains about 2400 specimens, including 600 mammals,



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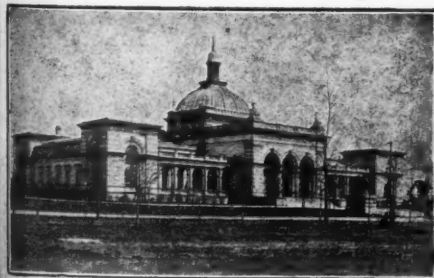
1000 birds, 800 reptiles and amphibians.

The Public Library, on the Parkway at 19th and Vine Sts., was built at a cost of \$6,500,000 and opened in June, 1927. It is one of the largest library buildings in the world, and has a book capacity of about 1,500,000. The building contains references, periodical, map, print, music, exhibition, lecture, reading and public document rooms, as well as special accommodations for children and the blind.

Other places which should be visited include the Aquarium, Academy of Music, Convention Hall, Franklin Field, United States Custom House, Atwater Kent Museum, Betsy Ross House, Carpenters' Hall, Christ Church, Independence Hall, Commercial Museum, etc.

As to the convention itself, the committee in charge has spent months perfecting its plans to make sure that everything possible has been done to assure the enjoyment of its guests.

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The Bourse, which will be in the same room with the exhibition will consist of not less than thirty tables, occupied by prominent dealers from all over the country. They will bring their best material, giving collectors a splendid opportunity to fill spaces in their albums. Here again all branches of philately will be represented: stamp dealers, cover dealers, album makers, dealers in precancels, etc.

The Convention Auction, to be conducted by Lambert W. Gerber, will attract bidders from far and wide, as it is well known that many choice items have been assembled for this sale. Another chance for collectors to gather in those long looked for but seldom seen pieces.

The Annual Banquet, standby of all conventions, is the place where old friendships are renewed, and new acquaintances are made. The usual practice at most conventions has been to hold the banquet on the very last night, so that it was pretty much hello and good-bye for many meeting for the first time. This banquet will be held on Thursday night, so that those meeting for the first time will be able to prolong their acquaintance and make arrangements for future contact. A splendid meal is assured, and of course there will be interesting talks by prominent collectors and others.

On Saturday night there will be a grand informal get together, which is free to all those who register for the convention. Known as the JAMBOREE, it is the event where dignity is forgotten, and the time devoted to fun for all. Here the awards will be presented to the various winners of the stamp exhibition. Plenty of eats, plenty of entertainment and plenty of souvenirs.

Many other interesting things have been planned, such as philatelic films, a film about Philadelphia, informal luncheons and dinners, trips to historic spots, shopping tours, etc. There will be meetings of serious stamp collectors, all members of societies

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ranking high in their own fields. Among these are Federated Polish Stamp Clubs, Souvenir Issues Association, Helvetia Society for Collectors of Switzerland, Precancel Stamp Society, National Federation of Stamp Clubs and others. There will also be a meeting for collectors interested in the study of Postal History, a subject which is daily assuming greater importance. Altogether a full week is promised for everyone.

Presidentials to be Eyed

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker announced on August 4th that the Presidential Postage Stamps of the values $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 1c also the current Special Delivery Stamp printed by the electric-eye method, will be issued from the Postoffice at Washington, D. C. as well as at the Philatelic Agency on September 8th. It is announced that there will be no first day cover service offered by the department. Collectors who will want these stamps on first day covers will have to arrange for dealers or friends to obtain the stamps and mail them.

It should have been pointed out to many inexperienced collectors long ago that the indiscriminate collecting of electric-eye stamps is a plain waste of money and effort and that the stamps will probably have no additional value because of the fact that you have obtained them with the electric-eye markings on the margins.

This applies of course to those stamps which have been issued with the electric-eye marks and in no other manner. Even then it is questionable if any experienced collector would place any additional value on such covers for the sole reason that whether the stamps bear the marks or not, the Postoffice Department records authenticate the fact that the stamps were printed by electric-eye process and therefore why place a premium on those copies which have the sheet markings attached, since whether they have the marking attached or not, the stamps were printed by electric-eye.

Now with the $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 1c Presidential Stamps to be printed by the electric-eye process, if one would want these stamps on cover with the sheet

markings, or even if you would keep them in your collection with the sheet markings attached for proof that they are electric-eye stamps, then you should also need to have in your collection in the same manner, copies of the stamps as they are now printed with margin's of the sheets attached in order that you could show stamps that proved by their own viewing that one was of the electric-eye print and the other of the ordinary print. There is just as much sense and as much need for collecting any stamp with a sheet margin attached, to prove or show that it is printed by a method other than by the electric-eye process, as there is in collecting stamps with the margin bearing the electric-eye markings, to show that the stamp was printed by that process.

Therefore if you are interested in collecting sheet margins, go all the way back and collect all your stamps with the margins attached. It is just as logical as gathering the electric-eye marked stamps, unless and only in such cases where stamps are printed both with the electric-eye and without, in which event you need both as much as you need either one.

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This year, both the Society of Philatelic Americans as well as the American Air Mail Society, supplied specially prepared articles for the different stamp publications for publication. The Air Mail Society were featured last week and this week we give the front pages to the Society of Philatelic Americans.

We had hoped for some specially prepared copy for the A. P. S. but to this date none has appeared other than usual press release notes etc. Knowing that many of our readers will be interested in some brief details of the A. P. S. Convention, we are taking the liberty of reprinting the following article from the August number of the American Philatelist.

Baltimore extends a final, but nonetheless cordial invitation to all A. P. S. members to attend the 56th Annual meeting to be held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel on August 19 thru 23. At the time this is being written indications point to a record attendance. Reservations are coming in from all points, north, east, west and south. It should be a convention filled with philatelic, historic and educational interest, and promises fun for everyone, young and old.

To early arrivals on Tuesday morning, a real treat is in store. The first day sale of the new fifteen cent Air Mail stamp with all attending ceremonies will take place on the convention floor. Several high officials of the Post Office Department will be present at these ceremonies. A special post office station will be established at the Convention and a special cancellation stamp will be used on all mail and first-day covers mailed through this station. A branch of the Philatelic Agency will also be established at this station and visitors will have an opportunity to obtain current United States Stamps of Agency quality.

Twenty-eight of the country's leading stamp dealers have reserved Bourse space. Here is an opportunity not only to become acquainted but pick up some of those elusive items you have been trying to get. And remember, the entire convention floor is comfortably air-conditioned.

Mr. Perry Fuller of Baltimore will conduct the Convention Auction on Thursday evening. 400 lots of very fine and superb material will be offered; something for everyone.

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In addition to the A. P. S. Medal Awards, Trophies have been donated by Dr. Clarence W. Hemman, F. R. Ferrymen, Fernand Creed, and Sol Glass. Most interesting is the last minute news that one of the country's leading philatelists, who prefers to remain anonymous, has contributed a sum sufficient to provide a scientific instrument to be awarded to the best exhibit in the show. The National A. P. S. Exhibition Committee has co-operated with the local group in working out some unusual and attractive features. The backgrounds for the frames are being made under the direction of C. A. Perz, Chicago, National Exhibition Chairman.

Further than the above, one should bear in mind that the entertainment features of the program will be of great interest and variety and that to attend one of the stamp conventions is a vacation in itself.

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One Man's Opinion

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second with 15 and lo and behold far away California is third with 13. This should indicate an abnormally large circulation on the west coast. Both Wisconsin and Pennsylvania show 8 while Illinois turns up 7. For the others the total varies from 1 to 6 for the different states.

V

WESTBROOK PEGLER IN HIS COLUMN OF AUGUST 5TH, SUGGESTS a postage stamp as well as currency and other forms of propaganda matter bearing the injunction "Keep Your Shirt On."

V

OUR OWN WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TOWARD WINNING THE WAR is to suggest to Britain and the allies the use of the letter V as a cancellation mark on all their mail matter throughout the world. A large V over the stamp would reach into every corner of the world.

V

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF HOBBIES INQUIRY IS MADE REGARDING a poem by Roy Farrell Green, the poem in question is not philatelic. This leads us to the thought that Roy Farrell Green must have been quite a versatile poet for we remember his writings only as of a philatelic nature. Few stamp publications of the years just before 1900, but what contained one of his excellent poems and we often wonder if there are no poetical philatelists today.

To The Last Man

Eduardo Abaroa is one of the few people who being humble in place all their life, in their last few hours achieve lasting fame. On February 14, 1879 the brief war of the Pacific commenced between Chile and Bolivia which was to result in the loss to Bolivia of its seacoast and the potentially rich provinces there. It all started over disputes of the two countries regarding their rights in the district of Antofagasta. To philately the war is recalled chiefly by Bolivian stamps bearing cancels applied by the conquerors and Chilean stamps bearing Bolivian cancels which were retained in use by the Chileans. These include the towns of Antofagasta, Cobiya, Topopilla, Calama, Mexillones, San Antonio de Atacama etc. The stamp is-



sued in 1931 depicting the hero Abaroa bears beneath his portraits the date of March 23, 1879. On that date the Chileans advanced inland following the railway line and attacked the mining community of Calama. The Bolivians had only a small force there, sort of a hastily organized militia,

and in the ensuing battle they were cut down one by one until only Abaroa remained, and he refusing to surrender was killed in the final volley. So Abaroa emerges as Bolivia's sole outstanding hero of the war. The Chileans being busy engaging the Peruvians who had come to Bolivia's aid, made no attempt to push much further into the Bolivian interior. Perhaps Abaroa had convinced them that such a military expedition would prove too costly. The humble miner has become in the intervening years a national hero.

• A theater program of 1894 for a Pittsburgh production included a march titled "The American Philatelist." Composer was William Knudson.

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U. S. Auction Prices

By W. L. Babcock

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RUMARK COMPANY 27TH AUCTION SALE held July 26th at 116 Nassau St., N. Y. C. The 5c, #28, light grid can., fine, used, @ \$5.25. 15c, #77, fine, used, (\$5), @ \$2.75. This stamp has been advanced to \$6.00 in the Advance Sheets recently issued. 10c, #96, V. F., used (\$4), @ \$2.40. 3c, #239, O.G. block of 4, cent. and V. F. (\$50), @ \$27.00. 5c, #240, V. F., O.G. (\$10), @ \$5.05. 4c, #287, L arrow block of 4, V.F., O.G., @ \$12.25; and a similar block of 5c, #288, showing part arrow, full impt. and P1. No. @ \$20. \$2, #523, O.G., fine, slightly O.C., @ \$13.00. 2c, #644, sheet of 50 with margins and P*, cent., V.F., O.G. (\$14), @ \$8. 11c, #692, upper L. corner block of 6 showing retouched forehead, from plate #20617, @ \$1.85. 20c, #698, block of 9, L.R., showing double transfer, V.F., mint, @ \$2.90. 30c, #700, vert. block of 6 showing cracked plate #20552, V.F., mint, @ \$3.00. Washington Bicentennial, #704-715, compl. set of O.G., P* blocks, fine to V.F., @ \$4.20. A considerable number of wholesale of unusually good quality was offered. The quality items brought prices in advance of recent sales of multiples. The auctioneer's expectations on the wholesale were exceeded.

M. OHLMAN 252ND AUCTION SALE held July 30th at 116 Nassau St., N. Y. C. #33 tied to cover (ragged) with Boston "Express Mail" @ \$3.00. 5c, #28, red L.C., V.F., used, @ \$6.70. 6c, #235, O.G. block of 4, V.F., N.H., @ \$5.75. \$5 Columbian, #245, fine, used, @ \$21.50. 50c, #291, fine, O.G., nearly cent. (\$20), @ \$11.50. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10c Pan-Am. margin strips of 5 with impt. and P*, some with half arrows, @ \$34.50. 50c, #517, V.F., N.H., O.G. block of 4, @ \$3.60. #620 and #621, top margin blocks of 8 with P* and arrow, O.G., V.F., N.H. (\$25), @ \$12.80. 1½c, #631, superb C. L. block of 4 (\$17.50) @ \$9. #669-679, superb, never hinged set of blocks of 4, @ \$21.50. Souvenir

sheets, #730, #731, 5 of each, @ \$6.30. Set of Zepps, #C13-15, O.G., N.H., V.F., @ \$24.75. The remainder of the sale consisted of Revenues, Air covers and a few foreign postage, together with the wholesale Ewing Miller stock.

HARMER ROOKE & CO. INC. SALE of July 29th held at 551 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. A 5c, #28a, V.F., full margins, blue grid (\$10), @ \$9. A similarly fine 10c, #29, with red grid (\$32.30), @ \$24.00. 15c, #129, re-issue used (\$27.50), @ \$18. 24c, #130, unused, V.F. (\$35), @ \$21.50. 90c, #132, same issue, unused, part gum, fresh (\$70), @ \$43. 2c, #219d mint, V.F. blk (\$10), @ \$4. Columbian \$1, #241, cent., L.C. and V.F., @ \$7. \$3, #243, V.F., used, @ \$19. Bluish papers, 2c, #358, in fine and V.F. blocks of 4, O.G. @ \$7.25 and \$8. 3c, #369, O.G. mint block, V.F., 3 mm. (\$65.00), @ \$20.50. 4½c, #809, block of 20, size 2 x 4, marginal copy with six stamps printed on double paper, @ \$14.00. 10c, #E10, mint, V.F., (\$12), @ \$7. **CONFEDERATE STATES** 10c, #201, block of 4, full O.G., @ \$45. The remainder of the three-day sale consisted of much high class foreign.

Auction Calendar

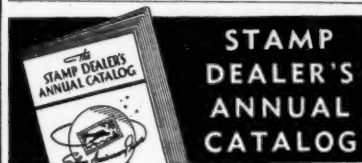
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Sept. 15—U. S. Wholesale and World-wide Airmails. M. Amler, Box 813, Orlando, Florida.

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15c brown airmail, Baltimore, Md. Aug 19, A. P. S. Convention.
20c green airmail, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27, S. P. A. Convention.
30c blue airmail, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25, T. M. P. S. Convention.
50c orange airmail, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 29, World-Wide Phil. Assn. Convention.

In The Army Now

Our readers will doubtless be interested to learn that Mr. R. C. Hooghkirk of the Edgewood Stamp Company, who has been prominent in our advertising columns for some months past, is spending a couple weeks in training. Mr. Hooghkirk is a Captain on the Brigade Staff of the Connecticut State Guard.



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The Aside Walks of New York

By De Witt Frankel

Ice Cream And Silk Stockings

Well, last night we paid our first additional five cent for an ice cream soda. All of the confectioners in our small town have raised the price from ten to fifteen cent. The cost of ice cream has been increased. The establishment in which we guzzle our favorite chocolate or strawberry condiment happens to be owned by a rather fervent stamp collector. The more money received on ice cream sales always means more money for Philately. We have no antipathy for an advance in price if it is a logical one, and cannot blame our stamp collector confectioner for making such good soda combinations. The fault lies with our penchant for indulging in such a caprice. It was with much interest that we listened to the story related by a friend who told us about his brother in the hosiery business. Woman's vanity for sheathing her legs in sheer gossamer silk has created a furore among jobbers and dealers in silk stockings. The advance in prices has not curtailed the sales of hosiery to any extreme. The opinion that much of the silk hosiery will not be available has practically created a run on all stockings comparable to a stocking market brokerage business. The friend related that some retail stores will not sell more than two pairs to a customer. His brother began the day with one item at eight dollars per dozen and closed at noon by selling the same number at twelve dollars per dozen. He asserted that friend brother had sold out his entire stock at the end of the day. We ventured if the statement wasn't a trifle exaggerated, but he insisted fully that the supply had been sold. Youngsters, and we mean the high-school-age young ladies are avowing their intentions of wearing anklets during the Summer. What has this all to do with stamps? Merely to point out that we are all of us again living in a history making era.

Already such items as the ice cream soda and silk stockings have gone up in price. We can only hope that the man who makes money selling either confectionary or hosiery will invest his surplus money in the desires of his fancy. Philately is pretty equally divided among people in all walks of Life. A man who founded an enormous linen manufactory once purchased one of the most expensive stamps in the world.

Stamps have always worked their way to the top, and maintained a great deal of respect with investors because of the solidarity of the position. Directly or indirectly the demand for good Philatelic material will be felt soon by almost everyone in the field. Material of the better grade is already scarce, and sooner or later the one who pays the best price will receive preference on choice classics. Few collectors have ever paid too much for a stamp if it is valuable, and few Philatelists ever have enough stamps when values rise. The ice cream soda may be a penchant, the silk stocking may prove stylish, and so may many other luxuries or necessities in our every day routine. Watch Philately, and feel sensitively aware to its possibilities. It is the insurance of stability for a good many morrows to come, and bless its cause, it has always survived!

Migratory Philatelist

Fifth Ave. Harry Strauss broached the subject that there must still be a great deal of dormant Philatelic material awaiting the buyer who will undertake to travel about the country. Wending one's way in and out of the Hinterlands via motor car is one of the suggested methods. There are many folks interested in accomplishing just such an idea, but the problem of a car and the expense involved has seldom been compensated enough by the material acquired.

Add Queer Incidents

It may not always prove correct, at least it should not, but a few dealers were discussing the fact that one can sometimes purchase fairly good material from out of town small stamp stores. The smaller hobby or variety store often finds itself so enmeshed with details, that prices are invariably gauged not by market values so much, as they are regulated by quantity. It has occurred that owners of such stores buy a quantity of books wherein may be incorporated a lot of correspondence. There may be a few bundles of letters with a black Jackson stamp on each mis-sive, and the dealer will adjudge same because there are so many, and he can only sell a limited amount to his small clientele, and so he usually disposes of it all at a lot price. The same rule runs both ways when the dealer discovers one lone envelope

bearing a stamp cheaply catalogued. Because of his lack of intimacy with such material, he may regard it as rare, and irrespective of the fact that quantities may be available, he will ask an unreasonable price for the item.

Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due

This may sound a bit involved, but it nevertheless is a plan capable of perhaps helping some club secretaries with their financial problems. Times being what they are, it is no small secret that quite a few stamp club members are often delinquent in payment of dues. One secretary seems to have remedied the matter by striking a sort of harmonious balance. So that the treasury would not suffer because of the problem, the secretary has itemized each of the delinquents who are worth while assets to the club in every other capacity, and he has asked the other members who can afford same, to simply balance the budget by paying their own dues in advance until it equals the amount of the delinquency.

Pennies From Heaven

Tony Zorn is far from being an angel, but he is never above having his little escapade. The other day, Tony amused himself by going through one of the buildings in which quite a few stamp dealers are housed. Instead of proffering his calling card, Zorn tossed pennies into the respective offices, before entering. Pandemonium reigned with bronze cents. His latest bit of information is that A Sixth Avenue Trading Company was auctioned off today, and that the half dozen stamp dealers in attendance at the sale of cameras, novelties and stamps, paid pretty spiffy prices for ordinary material.

Congratulations

Our young friend Jack Creamer has just been appointed to represent one of the cover news publications, and besides all of his activities, requests a notification asking collectors of New England to get in touch with him if they are still interested in reorganizing the Central New England Federation of Stamp Clubs. Mail may be directed to him at 9 Viola street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Conservation

A letter, and pardon our blushes, just received wherein the writer compliments this department for its variety of newsy material, recalls the story bandied about by a certain Journalist. He told of a fellow who took a slice of bread and smeared,

jam, jelly, marmalade, and butter on that single small piece known as the staff of Life. When the lady of the house saw fit to chide him for his extravagance, he merely retorted that it was conservation rather than waste, because he was only using one slice of bread. All the news measured to your fit to print in one colyum.

The Light and Shade Brigade.

Jackson Van Anda is a very interesting as well as a sincere student of Philately. His theories on colors and shades of stamps prompt one to pause and consider what the difference really is between a rose-red and a red-rose classification. Anda, however, brings up a situation worthy of meditation. He specializes in Postage Due stamps of the world. There are occasions when the borders and margins surrounding a stamp must be measured by the millimeter gauge, and while Anda has about the best kind of perforation gauge available, he claims they are all pretty much the same, with little or no provisions made for minute calculations necessary between each millimeter.

Popular Song Influence

This may not be correctly translated, but there is some sort of saying wherein a wise man is purported to have said that if they showed him the kind of songs a nation sang, he'd tell what kind of people they were. Would that someone wrote a Philatelic song with such terms as tete-beche, se-tenant, perforations, and many more mis-pronounced words. Just imagine how long people have mouthed the word 'CAVIAR' incorrectly until a recent tune released has motor car rhyming with caviar. That is one way of teaching english as she is spoken!

Fortunate Rochester

The radio Rochester may have his Jack Benny, but now Rochester, New York has Valentine Ritter. Val is an ardent Philatelist who has dabbled with stamps more for the pleasure derived than for any mercenary premise. He enjoyed being president of the All Boro Collectors Club for two terms, and always was one of the boys. Ritter has removed his lares and pennants to the city up-state, principally because of his profession and high-rating in the printing realm.

Spreading Sunshine With Philately.

Just a few words to explain away some of the conceptions inspired by the above title of this paragraph. It does not imply that material assistance in the form of distributing or donating Philatelic material is the

main and salient factor. Much good can be accomplished by people, even if they have nothing to share with the shut-in stamp collector than their own Philatelic personalities, and informative advice of what is going on in the stamp world, and each particular cycle. Clipping stamp features from various magazines and papers, and reading same, or even passing the tid-bits on to the secretary of each group does more than a certain amount of good. Spreading Sunshine with Philately is somewhat of a moral duty worthy of being supported by good-will ambassadors wherever the stamp interest abounds.

French India Free France

The postage stamps for the French settlements in India have been overprinted "FRANCE LIBRE" (Free France) to signify that country's affiliation with the anti-Vichy forces. Various values of the 1923-29 regular issue are reported so treated as well as the New York World's Fair issue, the 1937 Paris Exhibition and the souvenir sheet of the latter. Where supplies of the latter variety were obtained is a mystery as the issue was supposed to have been very limited and exhausted soon after issuance in 1937. These stamps are reported in London's *Philatelic Magazine*.

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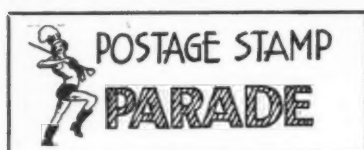
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A Record of New Issues
By Ray Shepard
1529 Duxberry Ave., Columbus, Ohio

BELGIUM - Semi-Postals. Another series for the benefit of the Orval Abbey. The first eleven in the set are upright rectangular format 24x35mm., while the highest value is horizontal 54x36mm. All are unwatermarked, perf. 11½. The designs show the various activities of the Orval Friars, as noted below:

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 - 40c. plus 60c. deep brown (Art of the Goldsmith)
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 - 1fr. plus 1.50fr. rose-red (same as 30c.)
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 - 2.50fr. plus 4.50fr. brown (same as 10c.)
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 - 5fr. plus 10fr. gray (Two Friars studying blueprints)
- (The Stamp Mart)

Semi-Postal Miniature Sheets. The nine semi-postal stamps noted by us in our issues of March 1 and 22 have been issued in a small sheet 4¼"x5½" three rows of stamps of three stamps each, with a Coat of Arms in the center at the top and "Administration des Postes" in two lines at the left top and "Bestuur der Posterijen" in two lines at the right top. All stamps are in their original colors and the sheets have been issued both perforated and imperforated.

(The Stamp Mart)

BULGARIA - Pictorial Postage. Horizontal rectangular format, unwmkd., 10c. and 30c. are perf. 13, 50L. is perf. 11½. The 30c. is a change of color. In our notes of March 8th, we listed a 30s. of like design and the listing was an error in that it should have been a 30c:

- 10c. dull violet (Woman using horses to trample out the grain)

- A188 - 30c. dark green (Man gathering honey)
 - 50L. light blue (National Bank Building)
- (The Stamp Mart)

FRANCE - Semi-Postal. Horizontal rectangular format, perf 13, unwatermarked. The original design was prepared before the invasion of France, but was never issued. The design shows the packet-boat "Pastuer" and the original value was 70c. This has now been obliterated by two short horizontal bars, with the new value at the top left and the surtax and plus sign at top right. Surchage is in red:

- 1fr. plus 1fr. on 70c. deep green
- (The Stamp Mart)

GERMANY - Mr. G. W. Harrieh advises that on August 1st., Germany was to replace the stamps of the Hindenburg head, with another design. No information is at hand as to what the new design will be. However after August 1st., the Hindenburg design would no longer be good for postage and any supplies in private possession had to have been used before midnight on July 31st.

GUATEMALA - Provisional. Under-noted stamp overprinted in red with word "CONSTRUCCION" reading up on the left and down on the right and surcharged with a new value across the bottom "UN CENTAVO":

- A79 - 1c on 2c. deep blue
- (The Stamp Mart)

MANCHUKUO - Postage. Small upright rectangular format, perf. 13, unwatermarked. Design shows a Japanese soldier with gun on shoulder and pack on his back:

- 2s. deep carmine
- 4s. ultramarine

(Karl Lewis)

RUSSIA - Sururov Commemoratives. All are upright rectangular format, perf. 12½, unwatermarked:

- 10k. gray-green (General directing the fighting)
- 15k. deep red (same as 10k.)
- 30k. dark blue (Three-quarter length portrait of the General)
- 1R. sepia (same as 30k.)

(The Stamp Mart)

New Postage Values. 1k. is upright, 2k. horizontal rectangular format, unwatermarked, perf. 12:

- 1k. dull red (Kremlin Clock Tower)
 - 2k. dull sepia (Kremlin)
- (The New York Times)

SWITZERLAND - Commemorative Semi-Postals. 650th Anniversary of the Swiss Confederation. Horizontal rectangular format, perf. 11½, unwatermarked. Paper has silk threads through it:

- 10c. plus 10c. red, brown and light blue (Relief Map of two lakes)
 - 20c. plus 10c. red and yellow (William Tell Chapel)
- (The Stamp Mart)

C. F. Richards III

Collectors having business or correspondence with Mr. C. F. Richards, of New York City, the well known specialist in stamps of Hawaii, will be interested to learn that Mr. Richards has been confined to a hospital for a month past and may be there for another month. Since he attended to all his business personally, correspondents will be obliged to await his recovery.

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The past week has been a very quiet one for all persons connected with stamps. This column is written about 10 days before it is to appear, that is why I am not enjoying the comforts of the convention at Atlantic City. Dealers offices have been quiet except for the radio's telling how the Dodgers were coming along. If you want to listen to a ballgame in N. Y. you get the Dodgers or else. Yankees and Giant games aren't broadcasted.

V

The British American Ambulance Corps., 420 Lexington Ave., is sponsoring the "V" labels, for the Victory Club of America. Labels are selling at 2c each or \$1.00 for a sheet of 50. With the first million of these, they hope to cover plenty of ground.

V

Another collecting sideline which has proved popular among metropolitan collectors to such an extent that many dealers keep a few box fulls on hands, is stamps showing the various types of cancellation markings. Branch stations, markings are well sought after. In a city like ours, you can get a nice collection if one can gather all the markings of our various branch offices. Slogan and Exposition markings are of course more popular and in greater demand, but some interesting collections can be had at comparatively little cost.

V

The recent 2 stamps from Russia with pictures of the Kremlin have proved very popular. I remember a year ago dealers had trouble trying to give away some of the new Russian items.

V

The fourth series of Free French Items made its debut. Thirty-five varieties from New Caledonia have arrived from London. American dealers will have their supply before the

colonies themselves. As usual centering is terrific, reminds one of our own. But, as is said, what can one expect from old stocks. At least they have managed to get 4,000 complete sets, which is more than any of the other colonies.

V

I was wrong, the Italian government has released the Italian East Africa postage stamps with portraits of Hitler and Mussolini. These stamps of course never saw any postal duty in the now conquered territory. Lets see what Scott's do about their recognition.

V

The shortage of chemicals needed for ink, has just resulted in Great Britain's changing the 2½d stamp from dark blue to a very light blue. I wonder how long the paper supply in some of these countries will last.

O.P.S. To Have Special Cancellation

The Oklahoma Philatelic Society will hold their 9th annual Convention September 19, 20 and 21st at Pawhuska, Oklahoma and will have a special cancellation to use on all covers mailed during the convention. Those desiring first day cancellations are to mail a stamped self address envelope to Mr. O. A. Farrell, c/o Osage Indian Agency, Pawhuska, Oklahoma plus 1c for handling cost. If Official cover is desired, mail 10c and the Pawhuska Stamp Club will furnish everything including a proper cachet cover. All funds raised from the sale of seals and covers will be used to help defray convention expense.

Less than a month before convention, Hotel Duncan, the official headquarters, reports of heavy reservations from collectors all over the state of Oklahoma and many from Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and New York, this giving a strong indication of a heavy attendance. Last years attendance of members passed the 700 mark. Many dealers from seven states have made reservation on the bourse.

Rules and Classifications for exhibits have been mailed out along with entry blanks, any one not receiving them and so desire same can secure them by writing Mr. M. H. Deryn, c/o Osage Indian Agency, Pawhuska, Oklahoma. September 1st, is dead line for all entries. Many loving cups will be given this year as prizes, plus many special awards. Space has been made for 1,000 frames and 14 dealer tables.

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First Day For Defense P. O. in Jamaica

The first instance, to our knowledge, of covers from Uncle Sam's leased bases bearing "first day" markings is that of the Marine Detachment, Portland Bight, Jamaica. Covers have July 18 dating and between bars of the postmark there is the designation, "First Day Cancel". Covers received recently from submarine base at Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands bore similar markings but this, of course, is a U. S. possession.

Another apparent innovation is the numbering of all the Jamaica covers although they were not registered mail. Numbering is in blue, evidently by numbering machine. We also have the following information on the Jamaica covers:

First Day for Letters July 18

First Day for Registry July 20

First Day for Parcel Post July 23

Approximately 1,800 pieces of mail were canceled on the first day. Our correspondent notes that post office opening was delayed four months due to insufficient equipment.

—The Fireside Shop, Yonkers, N. Y.

World's Craziest Stamps

It's a curious fact that the stamps of one country which used them without perforations became the stamps of another country which used them only in perforated condition; and this is the means of telling which country's stamps they are. Prior to the World War the Balkan Austro-Hungarian provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina had a joint special issues of stamps of their own. In 1913 there was issued a series of four stamps for paying postage upon newspapers which were curious in that they omitted all inscriptions or indications of origin and bore only the figure of value. Even the kind of currency was not mentioned. They portrayed a Bosnian girl and possibly her good looks were considered sufficient for anyone to know the country of origin. The stamps were issued only imperforate. Sarajevo the capital witnessed the assassination that started the war and in 1918 when peace returned, the provinces were within the newly formed kingdom of Jugo-Slavia. Stamps were needed there, so the large supplies of the imperforate newspaper stamps were perforated and issued as Jugoslavian stamps. No change was necessary to the design, there was nothing on it to change. The girl was now Jugo-Slavian (provided she survived the War) and the denominations were suitable. So perforated these stamps are Jugo-Slavian; imperforated they are Bosnian stamps.

Agency Sales for July

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, announced on August 4th, that July sales to stamp collectors at the Philatelic Agency totaled \$55,725.49.

• Most of the records regarding early Brazilian stamps were destroyed when troops during a civil war used the national mint as a barracks.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

Open Letter.

Dear Mr. Korthand:—I am writing this letter in this manner because I think that the question you asked in August Stamp Wholesaler is an honest one, and because I think there are others that would like to know more about the true but peculiar facts of precanceldom. Mr. Korthand wants to know about the marketing of precancels, about the high catalog value but low price of bulk lots, the difficulty of selling scarce varieties to dealers and lastly he comments on the immensity of the precancel field stating that there are 13,000 varieties of Bi-Cents alone. Well to deny any or all of the above would be like being a Democrat in a Republican assembly, you would simply stamp yourself as an "agin It". There are foundations of truth in every statement made yet unless you yourself have collected dealt and traded, all three a must, I don't feel you can justly claim to know or see how or why these things are true. About high catalog value and the catalogs. I admit the situation was confusing but unless you knew the why and wherefore you could not justly criticize the publishers of the precancel catalogs. Their task has been largely a thankless job and certainly a profitless one. The Bureau Print catalog brought forth the first net priced catalog and since then an effort has been made to price all catalogs on a net basis. One current precancel edition is still priced on a discount basis. Prices that seemed inflated generally derive from the old catalogs where discounts of items retailed sometimes reached 80% or more. What then could a dealer pay on wholesale lots. Misinterpreting the net prices of the newer catalogs are often practiced too. The prices given are for B copies, and a B copy does not touch the design and should show white between the perfs and the design yet any copy often is quoted as of the full net price. Discounts for inferior copies run up to 75% of the net quoted prices. Yet few non precancel dealers will recognize the above fact at all. A stamp catalogs a dollar whether AAA or or badly dt. We have tried hard to bring this to the attention of collectors and dealers but without much success. It is true the precancel field is peculiar and one of its outstanding peculiari-

ties is the fact that there are practically no wholesale precancel dealers. Each dealer is his own wholesaler and every collector is a semi-wholesaler. Whether this is good or bad I can't say but I think that the above statements sums up that situation pretty good.

There are some precancel dealers who would take violent exceptions to the statement that it is hard to sell high priced varieties to dealers. Here again the facts should be more readily examined. If bureaus, a reasonable objection would be sustained, if city types we agree heartily. No longer is the general collector a dominate figure in the precancel field, almost every precancel collector has his pet collections, and the high priced old varieties are not the ones he is going after, so the dealer in turn is not going to lay out gelt for something he figures he has little chance of selling. Why could old European stamps up until recently be bought at such large discounts, the answer simply, no one interested, no more general collectors.

Before I start on the immensity of the precancel field I want to amend the statement about 13,000 Bi-Cents. My friend C. W. Sachs of Columbus, built up a collection of over 20,000 varieties of Bi-Cents and didn't have them all then. There is no doubt that there are more than 250,000 varieties of precancels. Despite this I still advocate the building of a general collection for sheer enjoyment and satisfaction. Forget about ever getting it complete. You will get complete sets from some towns, complete sets of commemoratives and the like. You don't need to take all you see. You will really get your fun out of the different things that will come your way. Doubles, errors, interesting breaks, colored inks, etc. I addressed the last few statements to collectors generally as I feel that dealers have little time to collect stamps and a hard enough time collecting some of their bills and to you Jack I don't suppose you will ever make a precancel collection so you will still be in the dark why precancels catalog so high and sell so low, why you can't sell a dealer high priced varieties and why anyone would want to be interested in a field where there are so darned many of the things.

—K. M. G.

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When Currency Was Changed

The American colonies of the British Empire have at times suffered much inconvenience due to their use, or attempted use of British currency of pence, shillings and pounds, when the commercial houses of the colonies transacted business in the decimal coinage of the rest of the Americas. British Honduras was one of these colo-

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nies. Its first issues of stamps were in British currency, worth approximately four shillings and two pence to the dollar (U. S.). Neighboring Guatemala had changed to decimal currency in 1881 and the British Colony at last followed suit in January 1888, issuing surcharged stamps for that purpose. The old stamps were surcharged with values of 2c, 10c, 20c and 50c. A need for 1c stamps was overlooked and consequently 2c were bisected. Not for several years were definite decimal stamps issued and then in the standard key plate design of other colonies.

• Mauritius Special Delivery stamps were at first mistakenly used for foreign correspondence as well as inland, and to stop such mistakes the postal authorities added the word "INLAND" to the overprint. The stamps inscribed "FOREIGN" were for use on letters to countries reciprocating in special delivery service.

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